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# DROP, COVER and HOLD EARTHQUAKE DRILL

APRIL 6, 2006 9:45 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.



Washington is Earthquake Country!
Protect yourself by knowing how to
DROP, COVER and HOLD!

**DROP** — When the ground begins to shake, drop down on the floor.

COVER — Take cover under or beside a sturdy piece of furniture, such as a desk, table or sofa. Protect your head and neck with your arms. Avoid danger spots near windows, hanging objects, and tall furniture.

**HOLD** — If you take cover under a desk or table, hold on and move with it. Hold that position until the shaking stops and it is safe to move.





## Tips!

- When in a HIGH-RISE BUILDING, get under or beside a sturdy piece of furniture, such as a desk or table. Protect your head and neck with your arms. Do not use the elevators.
- When OUTDOORS, move to a clear area away from trees, signs, buildings, or downed electrical wires and poles.
- When on a SIDEWALK NEAR A BUILDING, move into a doorway to protect yourself from falling bricks, glass, plaster and other debris.
- When DRIVING, pull over to the side of the road and stop. Avoid overpasses and power lines. Stav inside your vehicle until the shaking stops.
- When in a CROWDED STORE or OTHER PUBLIC PLACE, move away from display shelves containing objects that could fall. Do not rush for the exit.
- When in a STADIUM or THEATRE, stay in your seat, get below the level of the back seat, and cover your head and neck with your arms.



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#### Emergency Management Division

For more information about earthquake safety, contact your local emergency management office or the state Disaster Preparedness Month Coordinator at (253) 512-7047